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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller**SUBJECT : FY 1969 RD&E Program Reduction Considerations**

1. Over the past five years, the RD&E budget category has evolved to a level on the order of 8 to 9 percent of the total CIA budget. This orderly growth has been a direct result of the fundamental policy considerations that led to the establishment of the Directorate of Science and Technology with its Office of Research and Development devoted to the pursuit of applied research and development oriented toward intelligence applications. The wisdom of this policy, I believe, has been demonstrated many times over in that (1) by selective application of R&D efforts in technical areas not actively pursued of other government agencies or (2) by supplementary efforts to adapt technological developments to intelligence purposes; our posture today in taking maximum advantage of advanced technology has been immeasurably improved. It should be noted that most government organizations have recognized the long range benefits to be realized from a forward-looking R&D program with even such departments as HEW, Commerce, and Interior consistently allocating on the order of 9 to 12 percent of their total budgets to R&D.

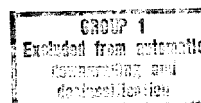
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2. I have examined the proposition of reducing the FY 1969 RD&E budget by an amount on the order of [REDACTED]. The attached charts and descriptive paragraphs provide details on the results of this examination. It is clear that in order to achieve a reduction of this magnitude, major programs of high priority must be either severely cut back or cancelled. Thus the [REDACTED] program, which represents the most unique and potentially valuable collection system since the advent of the U-2 12 years ago, must be sacrificed as a last resort to provide a reduction in excess of [REDACTED].

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Perhaps the most significant impact of a reduction in R&D of this magnitude lies in an almost certain loss of many professional personnel who have been arduously recruited over the past five years. Even if funding should be restored to the level of past years after FY 1969, if personnel who have the ability to conceive and prosecute first-rate R&D programs are not available, then the re-establishment of a meaningful R&D effort would require several years.

3. I would welcome an opportunity to discuss these and other considerations relative to RD&E policy with you in the near future.

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Comments by Subcategories or Elements on Reductions in FY 1969
RD&E Budget

Collection

Audio - Pursuant to strong recommendations several years ago, a significant effort has been generated in this area. While some of the current developments appear quite promising, in view of the intelligence yield vs expenditure to date, a cut of 50 percent across the board is made.

Imagery - Activity in this area is primarily providing incremental improvements of previously developed equipments. Cut will require stretch out and delayed procurement.

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Electromagnetic - [REDACTED] program stretched out because the concept has not yet been operationally demonstrated. Automation of [REDACTED] postponed.

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Delivery System and Accessories - [REDACTED] cancelled.

Intelligence Production/Information Processing

IPRD activity reduced but maintained viable due to potential pay-off and strong external (PFIAB) cognizance of this area.

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NPIC faces increased volume due to [REDACTED] - some reduction possible but needs are real.

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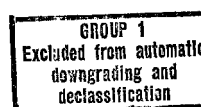
Reduction of 15 percent will cause stretch out in certain areas and foregoing of incremental improvements.

Other R&D

Keeps polygraph program, but cuts back severely on covert action and [REDACTED] R&D.

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